

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS.

Many of the New Members of Congress Started Life at the Bottom.

Special Correspondence of THE STAR.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Fifty-sixth congress is unusually well supplied with what we call self made men for lack of a better term, and the writer of stories for boys can find material enough about the capitol this winter to construct a score of ten volume series of the "Dare and Do" and "Hustle and Have" sort.

James W. Ryan, who comes from the Thirteenth Pennsylvania district, was a mule driver about the coal mines of Mahanoy City during vacations and applied himself diligently to his books through the public school term. After graduating from the high school he obtained a position as teacher in one of the county schools. He read law as he



AN EMBRYO CONGRESSMAN.

was able and at the end of four years, having saved some money, entered a lawyer's office. He was admitted to the bar and eight years later was elected district attorney. That was seven years ago, and now M. C. is written after his name.

Many of the country's greatest men have started life on a farm. Russell J. Waters, from the Sixth district of California, grew to manhood on a Massachusetts farm. He attended the district school at odd times and later learned the machinist's trade. He was ambitious, however, and studied to become a schoolteacher. Realizing this ambition, he continued to study at a finishing school and attained to a professorship in Latin and mathematics. Horace Greeley's advice appealed to young Waters, and he went west. He studied law in Chicago and then pushed on to California, locating in Los Angeles, where he became prominent in banking and other enterprises, which he leaves now in other hands while he takes on the larger duties of a national statesman.

Other new members of congress who began the real business of life at the plow are John Levi Sheppard, Fourth Texas district; Smith McPherson, Ninth Iowa district; Henry C. Smith, Second Michigan district; B. E. Spalding, North Dakota; William F. Rhea, Ninth Virginia district; R. H. Freer, Fourth West Virginia district; F. W. Mondell, Wyoming; Gaston A. Robins, Fourth Alabama district; John H. Hoeffcker, Delaware; Benjamin F. Caldwell, Seventeenth Illinois district; Abram L. Brick, Thirteenth Indiana district; W. J. Bailey, Kansas at large; Henry D. Allen, Second Kentucky district, and Senator Beveridge of Indiana. But it is a noticeable fact that nearly all of these gentlemen left the farm early in life, the majority taking up law, with pedagogy as a half way station.

Francis W. Cushman, who comes to congress from the Tacoma (Wash.) district, was a railroad section hand, cowboy, rancher, laborer in a lumber camp, schoolteacher and lawyer before he became a statesman. Besides being a "jack of all trades," Mr. Cushman has been a rolling stone, moving from Iowa to Wyoming, to Nebraska, to Washington. In the latter place he struck the moss that rolling stones are said to always miss. It was Cushman who thanked Speaker Henderson for allowing him to serve on the committee of the whole.

James C. Needham's parents crossed the plains to California by wagon, and it was while pausing at Carson City, Nev., that the future representative from the Seventh California district first saw the light through the canvas roof of a "prairie schooner." He went through the public schools and college and then took to law. He has held a clerkship in the war department and is therefore not an entire stranger in Washington.

Phanor Breazeale comes from the Fourth district of Louisiana. As a young man he clerked in a dry goods store, and his experience in calling "Cash!" prepared him to grapple with the pages of the house. He is a lawyer and has served as district attorney.

Amos Cummings will not have it all his own way in the present congress. Edgar Weeks, from the Seventh Michigan, is also a product of the printshop. He climbed the ladder from printer's devil, but the law got him, as

It gets so many good men, to say nothing of the bad ones. He was probate judge when the congressional bolt struck him. His colleague from the Eighth district began life in the lumber woods of Michigan, logging and estimating timber. He acquired a practical knowledge of the business which has since made him wealthy. He isn't a lawyer.

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